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REPORT

IMA Advocacy Success Report

Since 1901, the Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) has been the only organization in the state that focuses exclusively on representing manufacturers' interests at the Statehouse and in Congress. For more than a century, the IMA has engaged in a broad range of legislative and regulatory issues that impact manufacturers - issues that directly affect the cost of doing business, as well as the long-term viability of Indiana's manufacturing sector.

Being an IMA member allows you to support pro-jobs and pro-manufacturing policies that help us make Indiana an even better place to live and work. From championing manufacturing-friendly legislation, to defeating laws and regulations that would make it more difficult for Indiana businesses to be successful, the Indiana Manufacturers Association has played a critical role in making Indiana the number-one manufacturing state in the country.

Following is a list of the major accomplishments from 2020-2022:

COVID-19
- Limited Government overreach in emergency response to COVID pandemic.
- Passed COVID liability protections for Indiana businesses, including strong products liability language.
- Defeated efforts to restrict employer's ability to require safe workplaces.
- Defeated efforts to weaken the employment-at-will doctrine.

Health Care
- Passed legislation limiting surprise billing for out-of-network care.
- Passed legislation requiring price transparency by health care providers.
- Defeated multiple efforts to mandate coverage and high prices.

Supply Chain/Logistics
- Passed legislation allowing more heavy truck permits at heavier weights in Indiana.

Energy and Utilities
- Passed legislation pre-empting local government from limiting the use of any particular fuel or energy sources.
- Defeated efforts to halt the transition to cheaper forms of electricity generation.
- Passed legislation setting up a statewide framework for carbon sequestration.
- Passed legislation to begin rollout of Electric Vehicle infrastructure.
- Passed legislation to spur development of more solar and wind power projects in Indiana.

Tax
- Passed legislation eliminating the Utility Receipts Tax.
- Expanded the small business exemption for business personal property taxes.
- Defeated efforts to limit taxpayers' ability to use evidence for appeal of income, sales and property tax liabilities.

Unemployment Insurance
- Advocated investment of federal stimulus dollars to pay off UI Trust Fund debt accrued during the pandemic.
- Defeated $70 million tax increase – mostly on companies with history of few layoffs.
- Reformed UI system to be more responsive to changes in the economy while protecting companies from tax increases.

Labor
- Expanded cap on medical reimbursements for worker's compensation insurance, helping keep costs down.
- Protected businesses from lawsuits with fix to law addressing wage withholding for uniforms and other equipment.
- Defeated multiple attempts to create new ways for employees to sue employers.
- Defeated mandates for workplace accommodations for pregnant employees.

Workforce
- Retooled existing workforce training programs to be more conducive for employer driven outcomes.
- Expanded CTE flexibility in order to give local schools more direct control of dollars and collaboration with industry.

Environment
- Protected industry from burdensome permit fee increases in environmental permitting.
- Defeated several pieces of legislation that could have negatively impacted costs, economic growth and competitiveness for Indiana manufacturers.
- Passed legislation to expand options for the reuse and resale of solid and hazardous waste.